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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

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OTFRIED SCHWARZKOPF) AXIAL PISTON DRIVE WITH A  
) CONTINUOUSLY ADJUSTABLE  
) PISTON STROKE  
)6/28/02  
6/aPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the amended claims.

In the Specification:

Beginning at page 1, between the title and the first line of text, the specification has been amended as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

a1 The present application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application PCT/EP00/08084, filed August 18, 2000, which international application was published on February 22, 2001 as International Publication WO 01/12989 A1 in the German language. The International Application claims priority of German Patent Application 199 39 131.9, filed August 18, 1999.

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

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a2 1. Axial piston drive with a continuously adjustable piston stroke, comprising a drive shaft (10, 12) on which a swash plate (16) is supported in a crank chamber (14) in such a way as to be tiltable and displaceable in the axial direction, and with a controller (18, 20) by means of which an tilt angle and an axial position of the